

Trusting in Yourself

Two choices on the shelf: exalt God or exalt self.

Sermon Questions

1. Are you ready and willing to examine yourself before the Lord today? (Yes/No)
2. List what we see about the self-righteous:
 - i. The self-righteous wants to be noticed for _____
 - ii. The self-righteous is by outward appearances _____ and devout.
 - iii. The self-righteous wrongly _____ himself with others.
 - iv. The self-righteous judge people with a broad _____.
 - v. The self-righteous _____ about personal accomplishments.
3. The self-righteous person is *not* righteous but self-_____ and self-condemned.
4. List what we see about the humble sinner:
 - i. The humble sinner feels _____ before men.
 - ii. The humble sinner feels _____ before God.
 - iii. The humble sinner is burdened by his _____.
 - iv. The humble sinner begs for _____ without pretense.
 - v. The humble sinner is not offended when others call him a _____.
5. It is counter-intuitive when the one who thinks he is righteous will perish and the one who thinks he's a sinner will be saved. (Yes/No)
6. The message (or "gospel") of the world today is to believe in _____.
7. The key to the humble sinner is not just that he sees himself as a sinner, but _____ as holy.
8. You must know you are a _____ and come humbly to _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Which person in the parable resonated most with your own experience? What is the reason for your answer?
2. What is it about God that the self-righteous fail to see? How can a person cultivate a proper knowledge of God?
3. Why is judgmentalism such a distinguishing factor of the self-righteous? How do the self-righteous view grace and mercy?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

